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FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE

By the Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program expects to reach two major milestones this year: preservation of the 40,000th acre and preservation of the 300th farm. These landmarks punctuate 35 years of success since the program's creation in 1978 through Public Act 78-232, when it became the second state farmland preservation program in the nation.

The program protects farmland through negotiated acquisition of development rights to qualified farms. Farm owners apply to the program voluntarily. A permanent conservation easement is recorded on land records indicating the farm is restricted to agricultural use only, preventing conversion to non-residential uses and subdivision.

Through this program, state and partner funds invested in Connecticut family farm operations have helped Connecticut retain its rural character and scenic vistas, protect natural resources, promote local food security, sustain local employment, and keep agricultural lands and soils available in perpetuity for agricultural production.

During the past 12 months, the Connecticut Farmland Preservation Program has preserved eight farms comprising 900 acres. Eleven additional farms totaling 1,168 acres are projected to be completed this year.

The program's eight most recently preserved farms are located in eight municipalities and five counties:

- Harris Hill Farm in New Milford (80 acres)
- Hillyland Farm in Scotland (163 acres)
- March Farm in Bethlehem (133 acres)
- Myers Farm in Ellington (70 acres)
- Raffia Farm in Enfield (103 acres)
- Szegda Farm in Columbia (113 acres)
- Tanner Farm in Warren (50 acres)
- Young Farm in Woodstock (184 acres)

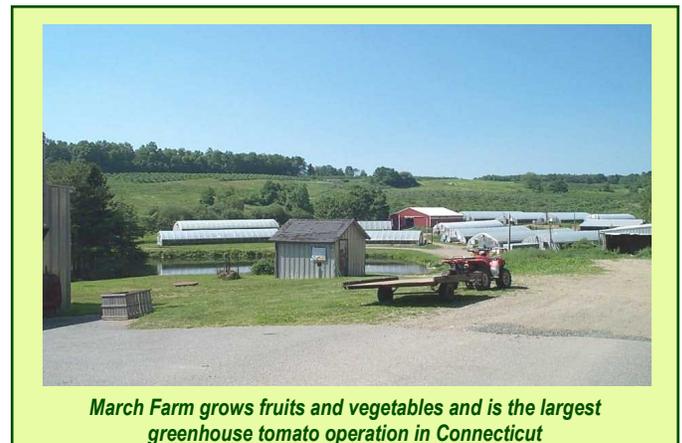
and are representative of both Connecticut's diversity of farming operations and abundance of agricultural marketing opportunities.

The development rights to these eight farms were purchased by the State of Connecticut for just over \$6.07 million, including \$5.49 million in state funds and an additional \$620,000 from the municipalities of Ellington, New Milford, and Columbia, through joint state-municipal projects.

The state's cost of acquiring development rights on qualified farms is often leveraged with federal Farm & Ranch Lands Protection (FRLP) program funds administered by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). These federal funds allow state dollars to go further in protecting farmland resources.

The USDA's FRLP program is the state's primary cost-sharing partner. Since 1997, Connecticut and USDA have partnered on 104 farms, protecting 11,580 acres. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has secured federal assistance of more than \$21 million in the process.

In February, the state submitted a proposal to NRCS for \$6 million to partner on the purchase of development rights to 19 additional farms totaling an estimated 2,420 acres.



March Farm grows fruits and vegetables and is the largest greenhouse tomato operation in Connecticut

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**WHOLESALE BERRIES
U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
BLACKBERRY, 12/6oz, MX	21.00	24.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/6oz, CH	15.00	17.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/1pt, CH	24.00	27.00
GOOSEBERRY, 12/5oz, CB	28.00	28.00
STRWBERRY, 8/1lb, FL	14.00	15.00
STRWBERRY, 8/1lb, CA	19.00	21.00
STRWBERRY(OG), 8/1lb, CA	35.00	35.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

March 11, 2013

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

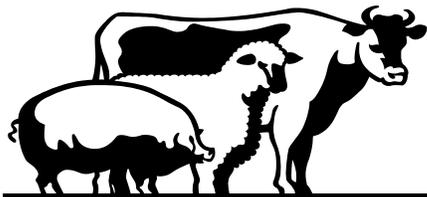
49-54	220-300 lbs	61.00-68.00
	300-400 lbs	64.00-66.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	53.00-56.00
	300-400 lbs	55.00-60.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	49.00-53.00
	500-700 lbs	60.00-63.50
Boars:	300-700 lbs	19.50-21.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, March 11, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	30.00	45.00
61-75 lbs.	80.00	95.00
76-90 lbs.	1.00/lb	1.10/lb
91-105 lbs.	117.50	125.00
106 lbs. & up	130.00	132.50
Farm Calves	137.50	142.50
Starter Calves	42.00	46.00
Veal Calves	95.00	135.00
Open Heifers	52.00	91.00
Beef Steers	82.75	84.00
Beef Heifers	92.00	103.00
Feeder Steers	95.00	104.00
Stock Bulls	100.00	106.00
Beef Bulls	90.00	97.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	110.00	290.00
Kid Goats	60.00	90.00
Canners	Up to	74.50
Cutters	75.00	78.00
Utility Grade Cows	79.00	81.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	6.00	25.00
Chickens each	7.00	35.00
Ducks each	7.00	31.00
Feeder Pigs	1 at	200.00
Lambs	140.00	200.00
Sheep	n/a	n/a



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

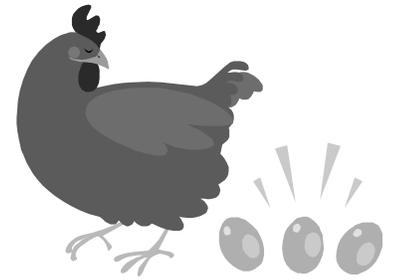
	Low	High
APPLE, CrtInd, 100ct, xfcy	40.00	41.00
APPLE, Empr, 88ct, xfcy	32.00	32.00
APPLE, Fuji, 100ct, fcy	24.00	24.00
APPLE, Gala, 125ct, fcy	24.00	24.00
APPLE, Gld del, 72ct, fcy	24.00	24.00
APPLE, Mac, 80ct, fcy	28.00	28.00
APPLE, Mac, 80ct, US1	26.00	26.00
APPLE, Mac, 12/3, fcy	21.00	21.00
APPLE, Rd del, 100ct, fcy	24.00	24.00
BEAN SPRT, 10lb	6.00	6.00
CIDER, 4/1gal	23.00	23.00
CIDER, 9/.5gal	27.00	27.00
LETTUCE, Bibb, 12/4oz	16.00	19.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb	21.00	21.00
PARSNIPS, 18/1lb	21.00	21.00
POTATOES, 10lb	2.00	2.00
POTATOES, Chef, 50lb	10.00	10.00
POTATOES, Rd, 10/5lb, A	14.00	14.00
POTATOES, Rsst, 90ct	10.50	11.00
SQUASH, Btrmt, 1-1/9	16.00	16.00
TOMATOES, 5lb	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES, loose, 25lb	22.00	22.00



NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

March 11, 2013

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers 75-80% lean	75.00-80.00	81.00-86.00	71.00-74.00
Boners 80-85% lean	74.00-79.00	80.00-83.00	67.00-73.00
Lean 88-90% lean	71.00-75.00	76.00-79.00	64.00-70.00
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1 80-120lbs	135.00-150.00		
No.2 80-130lbs	115.00-130.00		
No.3- 70-120lbs	75.00-100.00		
SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1			
930-2115lbs	94.00-97.50		
HOLSTEIN HEIFERS			
No.1 80-120lbs	135.00-150.00		
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Trad. Markets			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
50-60lbs	n/a		
60-80lbs	200.00-210.00		
80-110lbs	175.00-197.00		
110-130lbs	n/a		



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown eggs in cartons, delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.53-1.64
LARGE	1.41-1.49
MEDIUM	1.20-1.24

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

March 11, 2013

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	1.26-1.30
LARGE	1.24-1.28
MEDIUM	1.09-1.13

PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN SUMMARY

March 11, 2013

Eastern/Central Pennsylvania

Corn No 2 (per bu)	7.44
Wheat No 2 (per bu)	7.55
Oats No 2 (per bu)	n/a
Soybeans No 2 (per bu)	14.63
Ear Corn (per ton)	n/a



Wooled & Shorn Good & Choice 3-4

50-55lbs	255.00-275.00
60-80lbs	214.00-245.00
80-100lbs	n/a

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh

90-120lbs	n/a
120-160lbs	77.00-92.00
160-200lbs	78.00-92.00

Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh

110-120lb	60.00-70.00
120-160lbs	56.00-76.00

Bucks 150lbs 76.00

170-190lbs	68.00-72.00
200-250lbs	n/a

SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by the head, est. wt.

40-50lbs	115.00-125.00
50-60lbs	128.00-132.00
60-70lbs	130.00-150.00
70-80lbs	140.00-174.00

Nannies/Does: 110-125lbs 156.00-172.00

130-160lbs	145.00-187.00
Bucks/Billies: 120-150lbs	167.00-208.00
150-200lbs	230.00-290.00

Sel. 2	80-125lbs	104.00-150.00
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23-R. 7 Starline Arches, 50 Starline Stanchions, complete Corner Wheel for Clay Barn Cleaner, Clay Transmission and Motor, 260 feet of Clay Barn Cleaner. Call 860-537-5842 7PM.

24-R. Yearling Hereford Bull For Sale. Dark Red, Good Disposition. \$1,400. Old Beech Farm. 860-693-2052.

25-R. (2) 25X96 greenhouses, bows 4' on center, 4 purlins, still standing you dismantle, \$2,000 each. 3000 gallon aluminum oil tank. \$2,000. 275 gallon tanks, \$75 each. Miscellaneous greenhouse equipment; fans, benches, sprayer, etc. East Windsor, CT 860-268-5931.

28. Ford harrow, 3 pt hitch, 8 ft; NH 256 Rake; NH 268 Baler; Dearborn 3 pt 2 row planter; 2 hay wagons with JD running gear. 860-642-7697.

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32. Hay pickup attachment for older Fox harvester; Starline Stanchions. Several pieces 9x12 window glass. 860-376-9803.

WANTED

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A joint state-municipal partnership initiative was established within the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program in the late 1980s. It encourages local proactive efforts that have led to projects in 11 municipalities, including Ashford, Columbia, Coventry, Ellington, Granby, Lebanon, New Milford, Pomfret, Shelton, Suffield, and Woodstock. These municipal efforts have resulted in the preservation of 33 farms comprising 3,138 acres at a cost of \$5.8 million, with municipal contributions of between 25 to 35 percent.

In addition, three land trusts have aided the state and municipalities in their efforts to permanently protect critical farmland: Connecticut Farmland Trust (a statewide agricultural land trust), the Joshua Tract Conservation and Historic Trust (an eastern Connecticut land trust), and the Granby Land Trust.

Ten program farm projects have included a four-way partnership of state, federal, municipal, and land trust cooperation.

COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The newly created Community Farms Preservation (CFP) program is geared toward smaller farms and requires a municipal partner. It has resulted in 24 new municipalities entering into cooperative agreements with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture during the last year alone. These efforts have led to 11 new CFP program applications.

The purpose of this new pilot CFP program is to encourage locally supported farmland preservation on smaller farms that have excellent agricultural soils and contribute to local economic activity, but which may not be eligible for other protection programs.

For municipalities to qualify, they must enter with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture into cooperative agreements that do the following:

- recognize farmland preservation in the municipal plan of conservation and development
- establish an agricultural commission and/or program for farmland preservation
- inventory local farmland resources
- establish local scoring criteria for prioritizing local farms
- designate or have a local funding mechanism
- request identification of locally important farmland soils through the USDA

Acre by acre, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program continues working toward its long-time goal of protecting 130,000 acres of farmland, including 85,000 acres of cropland. In the year ahead—as recommended by the Connecticut General Assembly's Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee in its December 2012 Results Based Analysis—the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board will be conducting research, study, and review of this goal to determine if an adjustment is appropriate.

In total, the program has now preserved farms in 75 of Connecticut's 169 municipalities and in all eight counties. Development rights acquisitions now total 296 farms and 38,546 acres, or 30 percent of the program's goal.

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If you have been thinking of preserving your farm or farmland, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture welcomes your application. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Preserved farms have met minimum eligibility requirements and have successfully competed with other priority farms for farmland preservation funds. Owners of farms ineligible for this program may be referred to other state or federal programs, or to local land trusts.

For an application or more information, please call 860-713-2511 or visit www.ct.gov/doag.

DOAG SEEKS PROPOSALS BY APR 30 FOR SPECIALTY CROP GRANTS

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is requesting concept proposal for projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Proposals are due by April 30, 2013.

Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, maple syrup, honey, horticulture, and nursery crops. Proposed projects must produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or public, must begin after January 1, 2014, and may last up to three years. The maximum award is \$75,000.

For more information and complete application guidelines, visit the Department of Agriculture's website, www.ctgown.gov/grants, or contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov.

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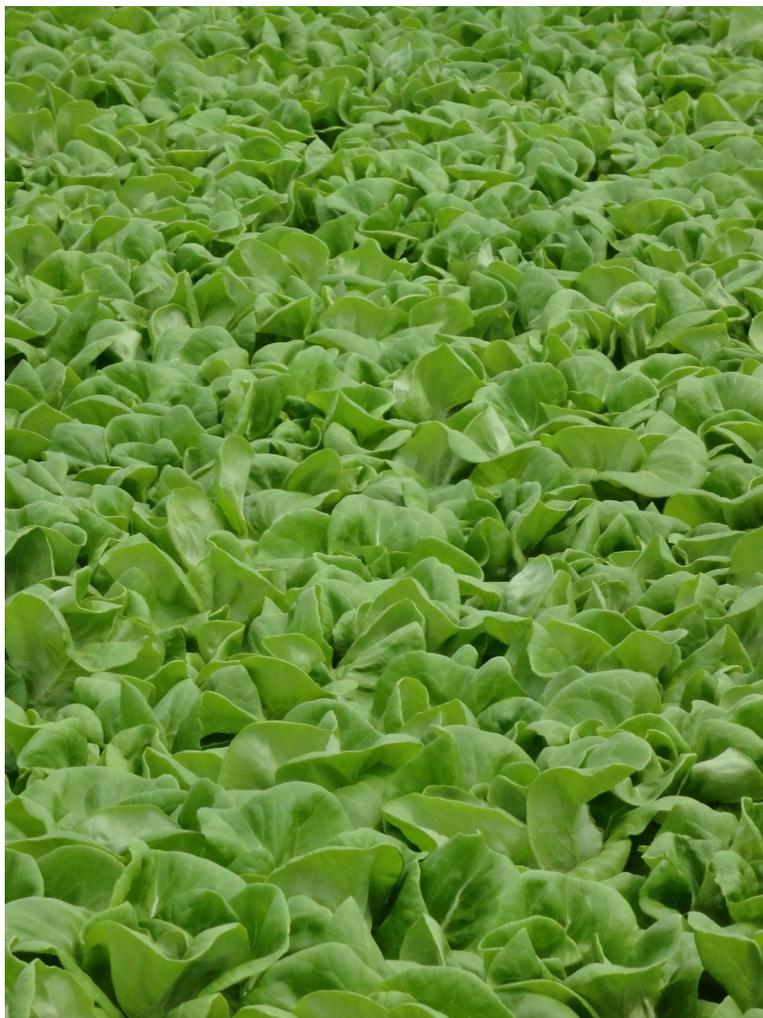
To be included in this year's printed farmers' market brochure, information must be submitted by March 15, 2013. Applications must be submitted by March 22, 2013, to be included in the printed pick-your-own brochure. Neither has a listing fee.

Applications are available at <http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=3243&q=430982> and can be submitted by email to DoAg.Marketing@ct.gov or by fax to 860-713-2516. Please contact the Marketing Unit at 860-713-2503 or DoAg.Marketing@ct.gov for more information.

FDA SEEKS COMMENTS ON FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) is seeking public comment on specific issues identified in Section IX of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Proposed Rule for Produce: Standards for Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption. The agency seeks comment on the need for, and appropriateness of, the various provisions of the specific issues proposed in the rule and the accompanying rationale behind them.

More information on the specific issues identified in Section IX of the proposed rule on which FDA seeks comment is available in a fact sheet that can be accessed at <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/m334114.htm>



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